Hon Jno H. Whitfield
and by him
presented to
Maj John Henry Brown
of Dallas,

MINUTES

OF THE

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

OF THE

STATE OF TEXAS:

HELD AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN,

September 3d, 4th, and 5th, 1873.

In Convention, September 5, 1873.

Resolved, That the Democratic State Executive Committee cause to be printed, at the earliest practicable time, ten thousand copies of the proceedings of this Convention, using their discretion as to what part of the same shall be printed in the German language.

AUSTIN:
STATESMAN BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.
1873.

MINUTES

OF THE

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

OF THE

STATE OF TEXAS:

HELD AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN,

September 3d, 4th, and 5th, 1873.

AUSTIN:
STATESMAN BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.
1873.

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2017 with funding from
Duke University Libraries

https://archive.org/details/minutesofdemocra00demo

THE FLOWERS COLLECTION

RBR
E Pam
#4477

MINUTES

OF THE

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

FIRST DAY.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 3, 1873.

The Convention met in the Hall of Representatives, in the city of Austin, at 10 o'clock A. M., in accordance with the call of the Hon. C. M. Winkler, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the State of Texas.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

The Convention was called to order by the Hon. C. M. Winkler, chairman of the State Executive Committee, briefly stating the object of calling the Convention, and urging harmony, conciliation and unity. He then announced that the first thing in order was the temporary organization of the Convention by the selection of temporary officers.

Upon the motion of Hon. J. W. Henderson, of Harris county, the Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, of Marion county, was unanimously chosen temporary President, who, on taking his seat, addressed a few pertinent and well timed

remarks to the Convention, and thanked the delegates for the honor conferred on him.

On motion of the Hon. E. L. Dohoney, of Lamar county, the Hon W. B. Sayers, of Gonzales county, was unanimously chosen temporary Secretary.

On motion of the Hon. J. Russell, of Wood county, Charles J. Evans, Esq., of Travis county, was unanimously chosen Assistant Secretary.

On motion of Hon. John Henry Brown, of Dallas county, Messrs. Leigh Chalmers and Wm. C. Walsh, of Travis county, were unanimously chosen additional Assistant Secretaries.

The temporary President then appointed Messrs. A. T. Logan, of Travis county, and N. C. Reeves, of Fayette county, sergeants-at-arms.

Hon. A. J. Booty, of Panola county, moved that the roll of counties be called, and as the name of each county is called the chairman of the county delegation hand up to the Secretary's desk the names of the delegates present from their respective counties. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Van Bennett, of Cooke county, a committee on credentials, consisting of one delegate from each legislative district in the State, was appointed, viz:

GEN. JOSEPH BATES, Chairman, Twelfth District.

1. W. W. WHITEHEAD,
2. B. M. BAKER,
3. JOHN T. SMITH,
4. J. C. KIRBY,
5. C. B. KILGORE,
6. B. W. BROWN,
7. E. CROFT,
8. W. J. SWAIN,
9. O. C. KERVIN,
10. W. A. WORTHAM,
11. W. H. LEWIS,
13. E. PEARSON,
14. JOHN BRASHEAR,
15. M. T. RANDOLPH,
16. J. B. ROBERTSON,
17. JOHN W. HOOD,
18. WM. M. JOHNSTON,
19. THOMAS MOORE,
20. J. C. RUSHING,
21. S. A. VENTERS,
22. W. M. JACKSON,
23. L. E. GILLETTE,
24. JOHN M. BROUNSON,
25. T. A. HEISTER,
26. I. G. KILLOUGH,
27. E. LEWIS,
28. W. H. WESTFALL,
29. W. V. HENDERSON,
30. WM. HEADEN.

On motion of the Hon. Joseph Bates, of Brazoria county, the privileges of the Hall were extended to all members and representatives of the Press.

Hon. J. B. Robertson, of Washington county, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the temporary President appoint a committee of seven to arrange the seats so that the delegates from each legislative district shall be seated together.

Thereupon the President appointed the following committee, viz: J. Payne, of Goliad; E. G. Bower, of Dallas; M. A. Kleberg, of De Witt; N. G. Kittrell, of Walker; T. U. Lubbock, of Harris; A. W. Huston, of Bexar, and R. D. Orton, of Nacogdoches.

On motion of Hon. J. Payne, of Goliad, the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, temporary President, in the chair.

Hon. J. Payne, chairman of the Committee on the Arrangement of the Seats, reported as follows, viz:

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to arrange the seats in the Hall for the several legislative districts of the State would respectfully report that on account of not being in possession of the number of delegates from each district, it is impossible for your committee to make a complete arrangement for seats as contemplated by the resolution.

They would, therefore, recommend that the seating of delegates be made in the following order, viz.: District number one to take a sufficient number of seats to accommodate its delegation, on the right of the President's chair, and district number two to be seated next in order, and so on around the Hall to the completion of the call of all the districts.

Respectfully,

J. PAYNE, Chairman.

On motion, the report of the committee was adopted.

Gen. Joseph Bates, of Brazoria, chairman of the Committee on Credentials, submitted a report from that committee, recommending that the following named gentle-

men are entitled to seats in this Convention as delegates from their respective counties:

AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 3, 1873.

To the Honorable M. D. K. Taylor, Chairman pro tempore of the Convention:

SIR: The Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them, and find, upon examination, the following named gentlemen duly accredited from their respective counties, and entitled to seats upon the floor of this Convention, viz.:

Anderson.—R. H. Small, James Eastland, S. N. Pickens (proxy), T. J. Word, T. T. Gammage, A. G. Cantley, John H. Reagan, W. G. W. Jowers, W. H. Tucker, Ira Millican, W. M. Shumat, A. T. Rainey.

Angelina.—Frank Rainey, John T. Smith.

Aransas.—A. S. Thurmond.

Atascosa.—A. H. Kean, R. W. Minus.

Austin.—B. T. Harris, N. Holland, A. J. Harvey, James Saynor, Joseph Christoph, Fritz. T. Eidman, H. Miller, Martin Kenney, A. Chisley.

Bandera.—H. C. Duffy, William Hutsbeth. Represented by Bexar county delegates as proxies.

Bastrop.—J. D. Sayers, J. C. Higgins, A. W. Moore, B. M. Hubbard, R. S. Green, A. J. McLean, A. H. Erhard, B. Lyman, Phil. Claiborne, J. A. Hooper, Jas. Taylor, W. J. Cain, Kinneth Murchison, W. A. Highsmith, W. G. Miller, T. C. Cain, S. Sheasby, M. B. Highsmith, W. P. Miles, W. A. Oatman, C. Schouff.

Bee.—

Bell.—J. H. Davenport, Lynn C. Alexander, James Boyd, D. D. Rosboro, Geo. C. Pendleton, G. C. Harmon, H. H. Parker, A. T. Tyler.

Bexar.—Wm. H. Young, T. T. Teal, A. W. Huston, J. Y. Dashiel, Geo. S. Deats, John James, R. L. Gray, W. D. Parish, N. O. Green, Jno. R. Baylor, Jno. C. Beek, Ed. Braden, J. H. McLeary, W. A. Wallace.

Blanco.—Thos. Morgan, Rufus Perry, Chas. Crosby, Jas. Ingraham, —— Buchanan.

Bosque.—W. M. Reid, N. J. King, J. B. Wortham, J. B. Berry, J. W. McKissick, J. L. Sears.

Bowie.—H. R. Runnels, L. C. De Morse, Thos. H. Lennox.

Brazoria.—Gen. Jos. Bates, John Adrianee, S. W. Perkins, A. T. Morris, M. S. Munson, Wm. Masterson, Thos. W. Masterson, Thos. G. Masterson, Asa E. Stratton.

Brazos.—Thos. J. Beall, J. J. Kimbrough, Morgan Price, F. L. Denison, A. C. Brietz.

Brown.—D. H. Moseley, J. D. Windham, J. R. Brown. J. Mullens, A. Roberts.

Burleson.—J. W. Carroll, O. W. Chriesman, J. W. Ragsdale, J. L. Keir, F. G. Wade, T. J. Edwards, Wm. Wilkinson, D. D. Thompson, R. Y. King, J. M. McClanahan.

Burnet.—M. A. Fields, A. G. Foster, W. D. Dorbandt, A. Giesecke, F. M. Lacy.

Caldwell.—E. Heppenstall, E. E. Lynch, W. F. Faris, Len. Barnett, John Lampkin, J. D. McGee, T. C. Greenwood, W. B. Walker, Jonathan Ellison, W. T. Hendricks, Levi Shackleford, L. C. Sims, Albert Taylor, Jas. Patton, J. W. Shook.

Calhoun.—Geo. P. Finlay, F. S. Stockdale, W. H. Crain.

Cameron.—J. A. Ware, W. H. Russell.

Cass.—H. J. Avinger, H. F. O'Neal, Ed. Croft, H. C. Williams, C. L. Marshall, W. W. Williams, F. M. Henry, A. C. Smith.

Chambers.—G. H. D. Fielding, Newell Moss.

Cherokee.—M. A. Gaston, R. H. Guinn, W. F. Thompson, William B. Campbell, William A. Pope.

Clay.—W. M. Jackson.

Collin.—J. W. Throckmorton, Ed. Chambers, T. C. Goodner, R. D. Armond, proxy for Lafayette Butler; C. H. Wysong, E. R. Stiff, proxy.

Colorado.—W. S. Delaney, Wells Thompson, M. Maltch, W. Oker, W. Schoellman, H. Bock, H. Focke, Jos. Shaw, R. Green, F. Barnard, M. W. Young, R. Sellers.

Comal.—Geo. Pfeuffer, Wm. Clemens, A. L. Kessler.

Coleman.—

Comanche.—R. G. Armstrong, Wm. Karnes.

Concho.—C. C. Callan.

Cooke.—Van Bennett, Wm. Howeth, Wm. Hudson, J. B. Choyce.

Coryell.—R. B. Wells, J. R. Hobdy, J. Pat. Morris, W. Fulton, Ellison Burch, Daniel Dunn, Eli Williams, Ira B. Sadler.

Dallas.—E. G. Bower, J. T. Ault, J. J. Good, T. L. Frank, Daniel Dailey, J. H. Cochran, W. C. Holland, J. H. Brown, proxy for O. P. Burnes; J. M. Crockett, proxy for J. H. Stevens; D. McCalet, proxy for W. C. Hallonquist.

Delta.—T. P. Lockhart.

Denton.—S. A. Venters, C. C. Bell, G. A. M. Starks, C. W. Geers.

De Witt.—M. E. Kleberg, D. J. Blair, O. L. Threlkeld.

Dimmitt.—

Duval.—Wm. Headen (Nueces), Charles Lovenskiold, W. L. Rogers.

Eastland.—J. P. Davidson.

Edwards.—

Ellis.—J. S. McCulloch, J. C. Rushing, Frank Templeton, J. W. Kemble,

H. H. Dunn, B. P. Hendley, T. H. Andrews, J. M. Harteman, proxy for R. G. Sims; H. H. Dunn, proxy for J. H. Singleton; J. M. Hardeman, proxy for R. C. Davis and H. F. Henley.

El Paso.—A. S. Thurmond, Wm. Headen.

Encinal.—A. S. Thurmond, Wm. Headen.

Erath.—A. L. Kirk, J. R. Waller, J. B. Henderson.

Falls.—W. W. Lang, C. M. Summers, Terrill Jackson, B. W. Rimes.

Fannin.—B. F. Hays, A. J. Dorn, W. T. Gass, J. Q. Chenowith.

Fayette.—W. F. Upton, J. C. Steihl, B. Timons, N. Thomas, R. J. Moore, Daniel Killin, Wm. H. Ledbetter, J. R. Scates, A. B. F. Kerr, A. S. Kenneday, James Farris, Warren Moore, I. G. Killough, Monroe Hill, J. Hart, E. H. Fordtran, W. M. Seallorn, L. W. Moore, Joel W. Robinson.

Fort Bend.—C. H. Kendall, P. E. Pearson, D. S. Terry, J. D. Freeman, John B. Hill, James Gibson, George H. Sehley, Joel Waiters, James Anderson, John W. Smith.

Freestone—O. C. Kirven, G. H. Sessions, H. R. Cockrell, W. G. Blain, Hillery Manning. Alternates, S. Manning, —— Smith, E. J. Whitt, C. L. Watson.

Frio.—

Galveston.—George Mason, J. M. Burroughs, J. M. Calloway, D. C. Stone, L. Cannon, J. Ziegler, T. N. Gary, J. E. Owens, A. N. Mills, R. G. Street, J. S. Sellers, C. L. Clemmons, Selim Rinker, B. C. Franklin, R. S. Walker, M. Quinn, P. H. Hennessey, P. H. Carville, E. S. Jamison, W. T. Austin.

Gillespie.—C. C. Callan.

Goliad.—J. Payne, W. L. Davidson, A. W. Appleby, Wm. H. Bell, Geo. Merriwether.

Gonzales.—J. W. Stell, W. B. Sayers, F. F. Wood, S. W. Smith, W. J. Williamson, T. M. Harwood, J. M. Cox, Robt. Gelhorn, Everett Lewis, M. W. Henry.

Grayson.—J. Gunler, Thos. J. Brown, John E. McComb, J. R. Cole, J. W. Jennings, L. H. Fitzhugh.

Gregg.—B. W. Brown, F. J. McCord.

Grimes.—J. C. Hutchison, W. M. Stone, W. F. Campbell, J. H. Dunham, John R. Kennard, Wm. M. Bains, J. H. H. McKee, O. R. Shannon, R. B. S. Foster, T. A. Smith, Jas. Haggerty, F. B. Greenwood, T. W. Blake, David White, John McAlpin. At large—S. L. Dickson, W. L. McAlpin, J. D. Stephenson, H. H. Boone, W. W. Meachum, B. L. Defreise, H. K. White, H. Shumaker, J. H. Morrison, Moses Upchurch, S. M. Darden, W. H. Reed, W. A. Carrington, J. W. Edmondson, J. E. Stewart.

Guadalupe.—John P. White, W. M. Rust, E. T. Rhodes, W. H. Burges, John R. Jefferson, J. W. Young, Wm. Saffold, James Zorn, W. M. Yardell, C. L. Arbuckle, John Ireland, T. P. Dimmitt, N. Robinson, E. Duggan, M. D. Anderson, John P. Bane.

Hamilton.—John G. W. Pierson, John P Tenney, J. A. Eidson, C. W. Avery.

Hardin.—James B. Simpson.

Hill.—L. E. Gillette, John S. Napier.

Harris.—N. P. Turner, John Brashear, T. U. Lubbock, Renzo Grunewald, W. R. Baker, Gustave Cook, E. F. Schmidt, J. C. Thomas, A. M. Brooks, J. M. Johnson, T. McComb, Ashbel Smith, H. W. Gillette, J. Dusenbury, F. W. Henderson, J. K. McDuffie, E. W. Tharp, C. F. Duer, H. W. Whitfield, J. W. Henderson, M. Looscan, D. W. Shannon, George Goldthwaite, Jas. Masterson, J. J. McKeever, W. C, Wagley, Geo. H. Wilson, Chas. Stewart, H. L. Cotton.

Harrison.—M. J. Hall, A. F. McAlister, H. McKay, W. H. Pope, G. B. Lipscomb, J. T. Greer, James Turner.

Hays.—S. D. Jackman, Ed. Burleson, J. B. Donalson, Felix Kyle, E. P. Reynolds, Jo. Burleson, Joseph Rogers, J. L. Wallace, J. W. Bunton, H. E. Barber.

Henderson.—J. C. Goodgame, John Collins, T. F. Murchison, W. L. McNiel.

Hida'go.—J. A. Ware.

Hood.—Sterling C. Cross.

Hopkins.—Wm. A. Wortham, O. S. Davis, R. M. Henderson, D. W. Cole, John Askew.

Houston.—J. T. Smith, Frank Rainey, John Smith, D. A. Nunn.

Hunt.—W. R. Lane, J. W. Marshall, Ed. Jo. Darden, H. W. Wade, P. B. Corzine, J. F. Jenkins, W. P. McBride, Daniel Upthegrove, Wm. Jernigan, J. M. Lowry.

Jack.—

Jackson.—

Jasper.—Adam Adams, H. C. Reece.

Jefferson.—M. J. Moore, M. Weis, J. C. Milliken.

Johnson.—J. J. Ramsey.

Karnes.—J. M. Yeary, L. G. Harmon.

Kaufman.—W. B. Dashiel.

Kendall.—James D. Johns, Wm. Jones, W. V. Henderson. (Delegation from Bexar appointed proxy in case of non-attendance.)

Kerr.—W. V. Henderson, proxy.

Kimball.—C. C. Callan.

Kinney.—W. H. Pulliam.

Karnes.—L. S. Lawhon, L. D. Cooke, G. W. Brown.

Lamar.—E. L. Dohoney, D. S. Hammond, E. J. Shelton, D. E. Moore, R. W. Draper, John Emberson. Alternates—J. C. Henderson, W. H.

Lewis, M. W. Moody, W. W. Beard, J. H. L. Bray, Young Burgher, L. H. Williams.

Lampasas.—W. P. Beall, Judge Garrett, John Knight, R. D. McAnnelly, Geo. Lane, R. Senterfitt, John Patterson, Dr. Angline, Whitfield Chalk, Craig Thomas, H. Wolf, Thos. Blair.

La Salle.—A. S. Thurmond, Wm. Headen.

Lavaca.—T. A. Hester, J. T. J. Culpepper.

Leon.—Wm. M. Johnston, W. B. Middleton, J. T. Adkisson.

Liberty.—E. B. Pickett, James B. Simpson, Wharton Branch.

Limestone.—A. J. Caruthers, D. M. Prendergast, John R. Henry, R. A. Davis, J. W. Fishburn, E. Kidd, D. McD. Barkley, T. J. Gibson, B. R. Tyus.

Live Oak.—L. S. Lawhon.

Llano.—L. Miller, F. Brazeale, Jas. S. Bourland, Miles Bartor, D. C. Cowan.

McLennan.—Geo. E. Burney, J. S. Napier, J. W. Brooks, John C. Stevenson, J. W. Speight, Fred. Quarles, Geo. B. Erath, L. S. Ross, Geo. Clark, Lewis Moore, D. R. Wallace, J. J. Riddle, C. M. Alexander, Wm. Evans, H. J. Caufield, S. B. Trice, M. D. Herring, Thomas Moore, S. H. Reniek, John T. Flint, E. J. Gurley, W. A. Fort, H. McGee, J. W. Downs, M. M. Boggess, C. C. McCullough, J. H. Caldwell, W. M. Flournoy, J. E. Elgin, R. E. Burnham.

McCulloch.—J. C. Rogan, W. H. Ledbetter and W. R. Alexander, proxies.

Madison.—M. Y. Randolph.

Marion.—M. D. K. Taylor, D. B. Culberson, W. L. Crawford, W. E. Penn, J. H. Carlin, James Hoban, E. D. Bateman, T. J. Hudson.

Mason.—C. C. Callan.

Matagorda.—E. S. Rugely, G. Hodges; George Quinan, proxy.

Menard.—C. C. Callan.

Milam.—Captain John W. Hood, James M. Given, W. M. Wilcox, Jesse Adkisson, W. P. Mills, S. B. Newman, David W. Bosman, S. P. Cox.

Montague.—W. M. Jackson, A. L. Shumaker.

Montgomery.—Col. J. M. Wade, H. M. Phillips, Richard Williams, Matt Steusy.

Nacogdoches.—F. Voigt, A. B. Patton, R. D. Orton.

Navarro.—T. T. D. Andrews, J. L. Halbert, John B. Jones, G. N. Beaumont, W. C. Waters, R. A. Van Horn, A. Hardin, S. C. Upshaw, C. M. Winkler.

Newton.—R. J. Braleford.

Nueces.—Wm. L. Rogers, Charles Lovenskiold, Wm. Headen.

Orange.—

Palo Pinto.—J. H. Caruthers, Wm. Veal, Matt. Veal.

Panola.—B. M. Baker, A. J. Booty, T. M. Bowers, A. B. Ross, S. M. Burns, H. L. Anderson, T. J. Reagan, A. S. Wall, J. F. Beal, W. A. Stroud, T. G. Allison.

Parker.—Wm. Veal.

Polk.—R. B. De Walt.

Raines.—

Red River.—Charles De Morse, John W. Vesey, W. J. Swain, R. R. Gaines, H. R. Latimer.

Refugio.—A. S. Thurmond.

Robertson.—W. P. Townsend, T. P. Aycock, W. W. Watts, John V. Glass, G. A. Gordon, J. C. Roberts, T. C. Moore, Charles Lewis.

Rockwall.—

Rusk.—C. B. Kilgore, J. M. Barton, W. W. Spivey, H. L. Miller, T. H. Coleman.

Sabine.—D. M. Short, H. C. Mound.

San Augustine.—D. M. Short, proxy.

San Jacinto.—

San Patricio.—A. S. Thurmond, proxy.

San Saba.—J. C. Rogan, W. H. Ledbetter, W. R. Alexander.

Shelby.—D. M. Short, M. H. Ashton.

Smith.—O. M. Roberts, R. K. Gaston, E. P. Jarvis, J. B. Henderson, George Yarbrough, W. H. Marsh, E. F. Swann, George W. Smith, Horace Chilton, H. G. Robertson, R. B. Hubbard, J. P. Douglass.

Starr.—J. A. Ware.

Tarrant.—S. H. Watson, proxy.

Titus.—By Red River delegates.

Travis.—John W. Brown, W. L. Giles, L. B. Giles, J. G. Wheeler, J. W. Allen, J. W. Taylor, W. D. Patton, L. D. Hill, Dr. Fowler, R. A. Rutherford, W. A. Tipps, N. G. Shelley, W. Von Rosenberg, P. De Cordova, Giles Burditt, T. B. Wheeler, J. W. Robertson, Wm. M. Walton, John Cardwell, F. Dohme, A. S. Walker, Alf. Smith, J. W. Denton, A. R. Morris, J. A. Rosengreen, J. K. Farrell, A. H. Robinson, Henry Dickenson, David Sheeks, Jacob Rainey, J. B. Kemp, Val. C. Giles, J. D. Doxey, D. E. Waddell, A. W. Terrell, M. C. Nichols, J. H. Zively, Wm. Pelham, J. M. Patten, John T. Lindley, W. C. Walsh, A. A. Hughes, D. Bunton, Robert Jones, F. E. Smith, Ed. Summerow, James Thompson.

Trinity.—S. T. Robb, T. D. Standford, J. W. Royster, J. Douglass Brown.

Tyler.—P. D. Rock, W. B. Cline, Walton Barelay, H. S. Kirby, W. W. Whitehead, S. G. Cooper.

Upshur.—A. L. Tarver, H. W. Collins.

Uvalde.—A. J. Spencer, J. A. J. Smith.

Van Zandt.—J. C. Kearby, T. J. Toles, Thomas Cooley.

Victoria.—J. M. Bronson, E. D. Lynn, J. C. Wheeler, J. M. Edgar.

Walker.—A. T. McKinney, J. M. Maxey, H. B. Baldwin, J. A. Hill, W. F. Baldwin, Norman G. Kittrell.

Waller.—W. P. Cole, J. M. Goggan, Alfred Gee, J. M. Jones, E. Waller, Sr., J. S. Reese, J. W. Nooner, R. A. Weston.

Washington.—A. W. Kirk, P. D. L. Hilliard, J. V. Mattson, James H. Holt, J. T. Roberts, C. B. Hughes, J. S. Smith, E. Thompson, J. W. Stone, A. F. Felder, John Hale, E. Pennington, W. E. Love, R. F. Fleuellyn, E. F. Ewing, Adolph Testard, L. A. Daffin, John B. Wilkin, M. A. Bryan, John Alexander, T. C. Clay, J. D. Giddings, C. C. Garrett, P. H. Swearengin, J. A. Randle, O. T. Holt, H. E. Skatz, Wm. McCrutchen, R. Shipley, Wm. Thompson, W. B. Wilson, Lewis Lehman, F. W. McGuire, R. L. Upshaw, Seth Shepard, J. B. Robertson, Willett Holmes.

Webb.—A. S. Thurmond, Wm. Headen.

Wharton.—Geo. Quinan.

Williamson.—R. Sansom, J. P. Coffey, A. G. Ganoway, A. G. Suttles, Dr. Westfall, J. P. McGill, Col. Easley, John Smith, John T. Price, J. E. Robinson, J. J. Stubblefield, J. W. Wilbarger.

Wilson.—Haywood Brahan, H. C. Burke, R. C. Houston, Andrew Standt.

Wise.—T. E. Bomar, R. M. Collins.

Wood.—Will Giles, Jas. Hogg, B. B. Hart, J. Russell, J. M. Cook.

Young.—

Zapata.—J. A. Ware.

Zavala.—

Respectfully submitted.

J. BATES, Chairman.

Attest:

W. A. WORTHAM, Secretary.

Mr. D. A. Nunn, of Houston county, moved that a committee of one delegate from each legislative district be raised on permanent organization, to be selected by the delegations from each district.

Hon. J. W. Henderson, of Harris county, moved as a substitute, that the Convention do now proceed to the election of permanent officers, which failed to carry. The question then recurring on the original motion of Mr. Nunn, it was carried.

Gen. J. B. Robertson, of Washington county, moved that a committee of one delegate from each legislative district be raised, to establish and fix the basis of representation in this Convention.

Mr. Baker, of Panola county, moved as a substitute, that the committee on permanent organization, just ordered to be raised, be instructed to establish and fix the basis of representation, which prevailed over the original motion of Gen. Robertson, and was adopted.

Hon. E. L. Dohoney, of Lamar county, offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of one from each legislative district be appointed on the basis of representation; and that said committee be authorized to obtain, from the evidence of delegates or otherwise, the actual Democratic voting strength of each of the several counties in the State, and report the same to this Convention to-morrow morning.

Hon. J. W. Henderson, of Harris county, moved to amend by instructing the committee to take the Democratic vote at the last general election as the basis of the representation of the several counties, instead of obtaining the information as to the Democratic voting strength of each county from the delegates.

Hon. R. H. Guinn, of Cherokee county, moved to refer the original resolution and the amendment to the committee on permanent organization and the basis of representation, just authorized to be raised, which motion prevailed, and the resolution and amendment was accordingly so referred.

Gen. J. B. Robertson, of Washington county, moved that a committee of one from each legislative district be raised on platform and resolutions.

Hon. J. M. Maxey, of Walker county, moved to lay the motion on the table, which prevailed.

The temporary President then announced the names of the following gentlemen as composing the committe on permanent organization and the basis of representation, viz.:

1. ADAM ADAMS,
2. D. M. SHORT,
3. D. A. NUNN,
4. T. F. MURCHISON,
5. G. B. LIPSCOMB,
6. GEO. W. SMITH,
7. F. M. HENRY,
8. W. J. SWAIN,
9. J. L. HALBERT,
10. B. B. HART,
11. E. L. DOHONEY,
12. JOSEPH BATES,
13. Z. HUNT,
14. GUSTAVE COOKE,
15. A. T. McKINNEY,
16. J. B. ROBERTSON,
17. L. C. ALEXANDER,
18. CHARLES LEWIS,
19. S. H. RENICK,
20. JNO. H. COCHRAN,
21. R. D. ARMAND,
22. WM. HUDSON,
23. S. C. CROSS,
24. GEO. P. FINLAY,
25. WELLS THOMPSON,
26. W. H. LEDBETTER,
27. JNO. P. WHITE,
28. A. S. WALKER,
29. T. T. TEEL,
30. JAMES A. WARE.

On motion of Mr. J. L. Halbert, of Navarro county, the above commitee was instructed to report to this Convention at 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Burgess, of Gaudalupe county, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

SECOND DAY.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 4, 1873.

The Convention met at 10:30 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by the temporary President, Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, and the proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. Wm. Carey Crane.

Minutes of first day unanimously adopted.

Mr. J. C. Hutcheson, of Grimes, presented the credentials of Hon. J. M. Maxey, of Walker, as a delegate for San Jacinto county, and moved that he be authorized to represent and cast the vote of said county in this Convention. Carried.

Mr. Spivey, of Upshur, moved that Mr. James Turner, a regularly accredited delegate from Harrison county and who had arrived since the meeting of the Convention, be seated as a delegate from that county. Carried.

Hon. Geo. P. Finlay, for the committee on permanent organization and basis of representation, submitted the following report, viz.:

To the Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, President pro tem. Democratic Convention:

The committee appointed to recommend permanent officers for the Convention and a basis of representation for the different counties, beg leave to report as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION.

R. B. HUBBARD.....Smith county.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

R. H. GUINN.....Cherokee county.
N. J. MOORE.....Jefferson county.
J. J. GOODE.....Dallas county.
R. R. GAINES.....Red River county.
CHARLES A. STUART.....Harris county.
DAVID R. WALLACE.....McLennan county.
F. S. STOCKDALE.....Calhoun county.
I. G. KILLOUGH.....Fayette county.

SECRETARIES.

W. B. SAYERS.....Gonzales county.
CHARLES EVANS.....Travis county.
W. C. WALSH.....Travis county.
W. L. CHALMERS.....Travis county.
P. DE CORDOVA.....Travis county.
J. J. McKEEVER.....Harris county.
R. M. HENDERSON.....Hopkins county.
N. G. KETTRELL.....Galveston county.
GEORGE PFEUFFER.....Comal county.

SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS.

E. T. RHODES.....Guadalupe county.
GEO. C. PENDLETON.....Bell county.
A. T. LOGAN.....Travis county.

REPRESENTATION.

The committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That each county in the State represented in this Convention be entitled to one vote for each hundred votes cast for the Democratic candidate for Congress, either at the election in November, 1871, or October, 1872, taking the maximum vote, and one vote for each fraction of twenty five votes or more; *provided*, each county shall be entitled to one vote, whether organized or not.

BASIS OF VOTE BY COUNTIES.

Anderson	11	Galveston	25
Angelina	4	Gillespie	2
Aransas	2	Goliad	3
Archer	1	Gonzales	10
Atascosa	2	Grayson	13
Austin	11	Gregg	4
Bandera	1	Grimes	12
Bastrop	11	Guadalupe	8
Baylor	1	Hamilton	2
Bee	1	Hardeman	1
Bell	13	Hardin	1
Bexar	10	Harris	20
Blanco	2	Harrison	11
Bosque	5	Haskell	1
Bowie	4	Hays	5
Brazoria	4	Henderson	8
Brazos	12	Hidalgo	1
Brown	1	Hill	10
Burleson	8	Hood	5
Burnet	2	Hopkins	10
[illegible]	6	Houston	9
[illegible]	3	Hunt	9
[illegible]	1	Jack	1
[illegible]son	3	Jackson	3
Cass	10	Jasper	4
Chambers	2	Jefferson	2
Cherokee	15	Johnson	10
Clay	2	Jones	1
Collin	10	Karnes	2
Colorado	12	Kaufman	5
Coleman	1	Kendall	1
Comal	4	Kerr	2
Comanche	3	Kimball	1
Concho	1	Kinney	1
Cooke	6	Knox	1
Coryell	7	Lamar	14
Dallas	12	Lampasas	2
Dawson	1	La Salle	1
Delta	3	Lavaca	9
Denton	9	Leon	11
De Witt	5	Liberty	4
Dimmitt	1	Limestone	12
Duval	1	Live Oak	3
Eastland	1	Llano	2
Edwards	1	McCulloch	1
Ellis	9	McLennan	15
El Paso	5	McMullen	1
Encinal	1	Madison	5
Erath	2	Marion	9
Falls	10	Mason	1
Fannin	10	Matagorda	2
Fayette	18	Maverick	1
Fort Bend	4	Medina	1
Freestone	11	Menard	2
Frio	1	Milam	10

BASIS OF VOTE BY COUNTIES—*Continued.*

Montague	2	Starr	2
Montgomery	6	Stephens	1
Nacogdoches	11	Tarrant	7
Navarro	14	Taylor	1
Newton	2	Throckmorton	1
Nueces	3	Titus	10
Orange	2	Travis	14
Palo Pinto	2	Trinity	4
Panola	10	Tyler	3
Parker	6	Upshur	7
Polk	4	Uvalde	1
Presidio	3	Van Zandt	6
Raines	4	Victoria	5
Red River	12	Walker	8
Refugio	3	Waller	5
Robertson	14	Washington	25
Rockwall	3	Webb	3
Runnels	1	Wharton	1
Rusk	17	Wichita	1
Sabine	3	Wilbarger	1
San Augustine	5	Williamson	8
San Jacinto	3	Wilson	3
San Patricio	1	Wise	2
San Saba	2	Wood	7
Shackleford	1	Young	1
Shelby	7	Zapata	1
Smith	17	Zavala	1

Respectfully submitted.

T. T. TEEL, of Bexar,
Chairman of Committee.

Hon. John H. Reagan, of Anderson, moved to amend the report so as to give to Kaufman county seven votes instead of five.

Hon. D. M. Short moved to lay Mr. Reagan's amendment on the table. Carried.

On motion, the report of the committee was adopted.

The temporary President then appointed Messrs. Flint of McLennan, and Stewart of Harris, to wait on Hon. R. B. Hubbard, the permanent President elect, and conduct him to the chair; and on taking his seat, he addressed the Convention in an eloquent style at some length.

Hon. J. M. Maxey, of Walker, moved that this Convention adopt the rules of order of the House of Representatives of the Thirteenth Legislature of the State of Texas for its government. Adopted.

Mr. J. R. Graves, of Bexar, introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz. :

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of many members of this Convention that there are among us some delegates who assert that they will not support the nominees of this Convention if certain prominent Democrats should receive the nomination of the same ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That delegates of this Convention do pledge themselves to use all honorable means to secure the election of *all the nominees* of this body.

Hon. John H. Reagan, of Anderson, moved that a committee on Platform and Resolutions be raised, by the selection of one delegate from each senatorial district in the State, by the respective delegations thereof. Adopted. And thereupon the delegations from the several districts reported the names of the following gentlemen as composing said committee, viz.:

COMMITTEE ON PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS.

1. JAMES B. SIMPSON.....Liberty county.
2. F. VOIGHT.....Nacogdoches county.
3. R. H. GUINN.....Cherokee county.
4. J. H. REAGAN, Chairman.....Anderson county.
5. H. McKAY.....Harrison county.
6. J. P. DOUGLAS.....Smith county.
7. W. L. CRAWFORD.....Marion county.
8. R. R. GAINES.....Red River county.
9. D. M. PRENDERGAST.....Limestone county.
10. E. J. DARDEN.....Hunt county.
11. B. F. HAYS.....Fannin county.
12. GEO. MASON.....Galveston county.
13. N. HOLLAND.....Austin county.
14. JAMES MASTERSON.....Harris county.
15. JOHN R. KENNARD.....Grimes county.
16. SETH SHEPARD.....Washington county.
17. W. W. LANG.....Falls county.
18. T. J. BEALL.....Brazos county.
19. GEO. CLARK.....McLennan county.
20. JOHN S. AULT.....Dallas county.
21. J. W. THROCKMORTON.....Collin county.
22. T. J. BROWN.....Grayson county.
23. L. E. GILLETTE.....Hill county.
24. L. G. HARMAN.....Karnes county.
25. M. MALSCH.....Colorado county.

26. J. D. SAYERS.....Bastrop county.
27. JOHN W. BUNTON.....Hays county.
28. WM. M. WALTON.....Travis county.
29. N. O. GREEN.....Bexar county.
30. W. H. RUSSELL.....Cameron county.

Hon. George Goldthwaite, of Harris, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all resolutions embodying expressions of party principles or party policy be referred, without debate, to the Committee on Platform.

Mr. Sansom, of Williamson, moved that the Committee on Platform and Resolutions be instructed to report to the Convention at 2 o'clock this evening; which, on motion of Mr. Upshaw, of Washington, was laid on the table.

Mr. Goodnor, of Collin, presented the credentials of Mr. Matt. Veal, of Palo Pinto, as delegate by proxy for Parker county, and moved that he be authorized to represent and cast the vote of said county in this Convention.

Carried.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were then read and adopted.

Mr. T. T. Gammage, of Anderson, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That this Convention, at its adjournment, do so adjourn as to have a session on each night, to commence at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Hon. R. T. Flewellen, of Washington, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That no delegate shall speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than once upon the same subject, unless by the consent of the Convention.

Mr. S. H. Renick, of McLennan, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That in voting for candidates, and on all questions when a division may become necessary, the vote shall be taken *viva voce* by counties, the chairman of each delegation casting the vote of his delegation for their county.

Mr. Robert G. Street, of Galveston, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That nominations shall not be gone into by the Convention until after the adoption of a platform.

On motion of Mr. Bell, of Panola, the Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock this evening.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 3 P. M. by the Hon R. B. Hubbard, President.

Mr. Bomar, of Wise, moved that the rule of the House of Representatives of the Thirteenth Legislature prohibiting smoking in the hall be rigidly enforced, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Payne, of Goliad, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Platform, under the rule:

Resolved, That we demand a general revising of the present tariff laws that shall give us free salt, iron, and woolen fabrics, and to reduce the whole system to a revenue basis only.

Mr. E. G. Bower, of Dallas, offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Platform:

Resolved, That President Grant, in lobbying through Congress the iniquitous measure known as the "back salary steal," whereby an hundred thousand dollars is placed in his own pocket, has evinced a spirit of dishonest greed unparalleled in American history, and is deserving the unqualified condemnation of every honest man; that the Members of Congress who voted for the measure are the willing tools of a corrupt and unscrupulous President; that the Members of Congress from the State of Texas, who voted for the measure, are hereby requested to resign, that their places may be filled by men who represent the honesty and integrity of the Democratic party; that the puerile defenses heretofore made by the Members of Congress who voted for the measure are an insult to the intelligence of the people of our State.

Mr. B. W. Baker, of Panola, offered a resolution as to

certificates to be issued to members of the Convention so as to insure free return of delegates as per offer of the various railroad lines.

Mr. D. A. Nunn, of Houston county, moved to table the same, which was lost, and the original motion was then adopted.

Mr. Highsmith, of Bastrop, introduced a resolution of thanks to the various railroad lines for courtesies extended to the members of the Convention, which was adopted.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the special order of the day, it was taken up.

Mr. Chesley, of Austin, introduced a substitute, which the Chair decided was not a substitute.

Mr. Payne, of Goliad, moved to vote upon the question by calling the roll of counties, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Chesley, of Austin, then introduced in the form of an original resolution the substitute which had been declared no substitute by the Chair.

Mr. Short, of Shelby, moved to table, which, on calling the roll of counties, prevailed.

Mr. Street, of Galveston, offered the following amendment to the special order:

Resolved, That the resolution providing the adoption of the two-thirds rule be amended as follows: "And that the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes be dropped on each ballot."

Which amendment, on motion of Hon. Gustave Cook, of Harris, was tabled.

Mr. Baker, of Panola, moved to refer to Committee on Platform, which motion was, on motion of Mr. Callan, of Menard, laid on the table.

Mr. Venters, of Denton, offered the following amendment to the special order, which amendment was, on motion, tabled:

Provided, That the two-thirds rule shall not apply unless adopted by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates of this Convention.

The vote on the special order was then taken by the roll of counties, and resulted as follows:

Ayes, 741; Nays, 114.

Whereupon the chair declared the same adopted.

Mr. J. Boyd, of Bell, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the State Democratic Convention of Texas, now in session, fully endorse the action of General McKenzie, of the United States Army, in crossing into Mexico in May last in order to punish the Mexican and Indian robbers for depredating on Texas soil.

Mr. W. H. Tucker, of Anderson, moved to lay the same on the table, which motion was lost.

Hon. Gustave Cook, of Harris, moved the adoption of the original motion, which motion prevailed.

Mr. S. C. Upshur, of Navarro, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the balloting for candidates, after the second ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped on each successive ballot, until a nomination shall be effected.

Which, on motion, was tabled.

Mr. Chenowith, of Fannin, moved the reconsideration of the resolution rejecting J. K. Street as proxy from Cherokee county, which motion was, on motion of Mr. Jackson, of Clay, tabled.

Mr. Fowler, of Travis, introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That we condemn in the strongest terms all corruption in public officials, and that we demand the strictest honesty and economy in the administration of public trusts from the highest to the lowest officials.

Which resolution the Chair decided should go to the Committee on Platform without debate.

Mr. Robertson, of Washington, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a State Executive Committee be appointed, composed of one member from each senatorial district, the delegates from each district to name the member of the committee from their district.

Which resolution was, on motion, adopted.

Mr. Callan, of Menard, moved a recess of ten minutes, in order to allow the members of each senatorial district time to select their representative on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Nunn, of Houston, moved that the chairman of each senatorial district delegation be instructed to report the name of the member from his district that had been selected as a member of the State Executive Committee, on assembling of the Convention on Friday morning the fifth of September, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Jackson, of Clay, moved to adjourn, which motion was lost.

Mr. Lyman, of Bastrop, moved to adjourn until Friday morning at nine o'clock, which motion was declared out of order.

A motion to suspend a rule requiring a night session was lost.

Hon. Wells Thompson, of Colorado county, offered a resolution providing for proceeding immediately into the selection of candidates, which resolution the Chair decided out of order.

Col. Philip Claiborne, of Bastrop, offered a resolution providing for the election of a chaplain, which the Chair declared out of order.

A resolution to take up a collection to provide funds to meet contingent expenses was adopted.

A resolution offered by Mr. Turner, of Harris, requesting the delegation from Travis county to provide the necessary lights for the use of the Convention during the night sessions, was adopted.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, of Travis, informed the Convention that they did not desire any collection taken up, and that Travis county would provide the necessary funds for lighting the hall.

For which courtesy, the President of the Convention returned thanks in behalf of the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at five minutes to 8 o'clock P. M. by the Hon. R. B. Hubbard, of Smith, President.

The President stated the offer of the delegation from Travis county, to defray the incidental expenses of the Convention, and asking that the money already collected for that purpose be refnnded to those donating it.

The President returned the thanks of the Convention for the very liberal and courteous offer.

Mr. Robertson, of Washington county, offered a resolution providing for the appointment by the Sergeant-at-Arms of five assistants. Carried.

Mr. W. W. Johnston, of Leon, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the fund raised to meet the contingent expenses of the Convention be donated to the Blind Asylum in this city.

Hon. G. P. Finlay, of Lavaca, moved to amend by substituting "Bayland Orphans' Home" for the "Blind Asylum," when the resolution was adopted; and in pursuance of the same the amount collected, to-wit, thirty dollars and eighty cents, coin, was turned over to the Hon. Ashbel Smith, of Harris county, one of the trustees of the Home, who duly receipted for the same.

Hon. Gustave Cook, of Harris county, moved the printing of one thousand copies of the report of the Committee on Platform and Resolutions, which motion was adopted.

Hon J. Payne, of Goliad, moved the reconsideration of the resolution postponing the selection of the Executive Committee until Friday morning, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Nunn, of Houston county, moved that the selection of the Executive Committee be gone into to-night, which motion prevailed.

On motion, a recess of five minutes was taken to allow

the delegation of each senatorial district to select its member of the State Executive Committee.

The Convention being called to order after the expiration of the recess, the following gentlemen were named as the State Executive Committee:

1. W. W. WHITEHEAD.....Woodville, Tyler county.
2. T. M. BOWERS.....Carthage, Panola county.
3. SAMUEL A. WILSON.....Rusk, Cherokee county.
4. JOHN C. GOODGAME.....Athens, Henderson county.
5. C. B. KILGORE.....Kilgore, Rusk county.
6. F. J. McCORD.....Longview, Gregg county.
7. H. F. O'NEAL.....Linden, Cass county.
8. W. J. SWAIN.....Clarksville, Red River county.
9. J. L. HALBERT.....Corsicana, Navarro county.
10. SAMUEL UPTHEGROVE.....Greenville, Hunt county.
11. S. B. MAXEY.....Paris, Lamar county.
12. C. L. CLEAVELAND.....Galveston, Galveston county.
13. P. E. PEARSON.....Richmond, Fort Bend county.
14. GUSTAVE COOK.....Houston, Harris county.
15. JOHN S. CLEVELAND.....Cold Spring, San Jacinto county.
16. JOHN W. CARROLL.....Caldwell, Burleson county.
17. JAMES BOYD.....Belton, Bell county.
18. B. H. DAVIS.....Bryan, Brazos county.
19. IRA B. SADLER.....Gatesville, Coryell county.
20. R. M. VAN ZANDT.....Fort Worth, Tarrant county.
21. G. B. PICKETT.....Decatur, Wise county.
22. J. W. JENNINGS.....Denison, Grayson county.
23. WM. VEAL.....Palo Pinto, Palo Pinto county.
24. D. C. PROCTOR.....Indianola, Calhoun county.
25. WELLS THOMPSON.....Columbus, Colorado county.
26. J. D. SAYERS.....Bastrop, Bastrop county.
27. WM. F. FARRIS.....Lockhart, Caldwell county.
28. WM. H. WESTFALL.....Liberty Hill, Williamson county.
29. GEO. PFEUFFER.....New Braunfels, Comal county.
30. B. B. SEAT.....Brownsville, Cameron county.

On motion of Mr. Huston, of Bexar, the name of the Hon. R. B. Hubbard, of Smith, was added to the Executive Committee, and he was enthusiastically declared its chairman.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, of Clay, the Executive Committee elected as above were authorized to exercise

the functions of their office until the next general election.

Mr. Teal, of Bexar, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention, as representatives of the Democracy of Texas, tender to Colonel Winkler, late chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, their thanks for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of that position.

On motion of Mr. Speight, of McLennan, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 5, 1873.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President, in the chair.

The proceedings of the Convention were opened with prayer by the Rev. Horace Clark, of Houston City.

On motion the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

Mr. Barnard, of Colorado, introduced the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

1. *Resolved*, That the Democracy of Texas demand a modification of the present national banking system so as not to discriminate against State banks.

2. That the school and university lands, now in demand for settlement, be sold, and the proceeds, together with the present permanent school and university fund, be invested in the capital stock of a State bank, the net earnings to go into the available school and university fund *pro rata*.

Mr. T. J. Gibson, of Limestone, offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table, viz.:

Resolved, That the Democratic party of Texas favor the enactment of a law similar to that known as the "Ohio Liquor Law."

Mr. Alexander, of Bell county, offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That in cases of vacancy in the Executive Committee from any cause, before the assembling of the next Democratic State Convention, the chairman of said committee be authorized to fill such vacancies.

Mr. N. G. Kittrell, of Walker, offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Mr. W. M. Johnston, of Leon, was laid on the table, viz.:

WHEREAS, Parties ouside the State of Texas, and in no wise concerned, have seen fit to interfere and attempt to dictate to and advise the Democratic party of Texas as to the course of action to be pursued in the present emergency; be it

Resolved, That the Democratic party of the State of Texas considers itself able to manage its own affairs without the aid, assistance, counsel or advice of Wall street "bulls and bears," George H. Sweet's *Texas New Yorker*, or the braggart and egotist Brick Pomeroy.

Mr. M. J. Hall, of Harrison, offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Col. Phil. Claiborne, of Bastrop, was laid on the table, viz.:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to "Philip of Bastrop" for the entertainment of last night.

Mr. W. M. Johnston, of Leon, offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the fund raised to meet the contingent expenses of this Convention be donated to the Bayland Orphan Home in this State.

RECEIPT FOR THE MONEY.

Received of the Sergeant-at-arms of the Democratic State Convention the sum of thirty dollars and eighty cents coin and ninety cents currency, to be delivered by me as a donation to the Bayland Orphan Home as a contribution from the delegates of said Convention.

ASHBEL SMITH,
A Trustee of the Orphans' Home—Bayland.

AUSTIN, September 4, 1873.

Mr. W. H. Pope, of Harrison, offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Hon. J. W. Stell, of Gonzales, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved by the Democratic party of Texas, in Convention assembled, That as the subject of the annexation to Texas of the parishes of Caddo and De Soto, of the State of Louisiana, has been agitated by the people thereof, and as those parishes are identified, politically and otherwise, with the State of Texas, therefore we approve of said scheme, and we extend the hand of fellowship to the people of said parishes.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced that the Committee on Platform and Resolutions were ready to report; whereupon the Hon. John H. Reagan, of Anderson, chairman of said committee, submitted the following platform and resolutions, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted, viz.:

PLATFORM OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF TEXAS.

We, the Democracy of Texas, in Convention assembled, relying on the virtue and intelligence of the people, again declare our principles and policy, and ask for them the popular approval. And

I. We declare our adhesion to the time-honored principles of the Democratic party; our devotion to popular liberty regulated by law; and to Constitutional government simple in machinery, and to be administered with the strictest economy.

II. We congratulate the people of Texas on the repeal by the Thirteenth Legislature of a number of the oppressive, odious and unconstitutional acts, passed by the Twelfth Legislature, in pursuance of the Radical policy to overthrow the government of the people; and among which acts were—

1. The Militia Law, whereby the Governor was authorized to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* and establish martial law, thereby depriving the citizens of all legal and constitutional protection, and subjecting their lives, liberty and property to the unrestrained caprice and malignity of a partisan Executive.

2. The Police Bill, designed and intended, among other things, to create a system of secret espionage, by hired informers, upon the people; at war with the principles of civil liberty; odious to all freemen, and heretofore tolerated only in the despotism of the old world, and the execution of which act was for the most part entrusted to a class of men of degraded and infamous character.

3. The Enabling Act, under which the Governor was authorized to appoint district attorneys who were made elective by the Constitution; to appoint all municipal officers, and to fill all vacancies that might occur in the offices of clerks and sheriffs, thereby designedly bestowing on him great power and patronage, to enable him to continue Radical misrule over this people.

4. The registration and election laws, which were framed and intended for the purpose of preventing free and fair elections; they openly encouraged

the perpetration of frauds to defeat the will of the people, and to perpetuate Radical misrule, presenting to our people the extraordinary and humiliating spectacle of surrounding the places of registration and voting with an armed partisan police with which to intimidate and overawe the citizens.

5. The act relating to public free schools, which, among other bad features, provided the means of enabling public officials to speculate in school books, in the building and furniture of school houses, in the salaries of teachers, and furnished high salaries for a large and useless number of officers, which gave the Radical party the means to pay their political missionaries who traveled for Radical purposes and frauds from one end of the State to the other.

III. And we further congratulate the people of Texas that the Democratic members of the Thirteenth Legislature, so far as it was possible to accomplish their object, in presence of the captious vetoes of the Governor, and the opposition of his partisans in the Senate, replaced the foregoing obnoxious, repealed measures, by just and wholesome laws, bearing alike on all, and which, if honestly and faithfully executed, will redound to the lasting good of the country and prosperity of the people.

IV. The Democratic party, when it comes into the possession of the government of the State, will administer it in the interest and for the benefit of the whole people, and not of a party; and, however much we may have been provoked to hostile and retaliatory legislation, by the outrages committed on us by the Radical Legislature and State government, it will be a part of our great mission to rise superior to our just resentments, and administer the government in such manner that every citizen, whatever his politics, religion, nationality or color, shall feel that he is securely protected in his life, liberty and property.

V. The school fund, sacredly set apart for the education of the children of the State, has, under the operation of the misrule of the party in power, been plundered by peculation, squandered and perverted to political purposes. The Democratic party, through us, reaffirms its past opinion and the policy it has ever pursued, that it is the bounden duty of the State to maintain an efficient system of free common schools, and secure the means of a common education to every child in the State; and we advocate the gradual sale of the alternate sections of land belonging to the common school fund, as also of the asylum and university lands, under such restrictions as will secure the funds arising therefrom to the purposes for which they were intended, and giving in such sales proper preferences to actual settlers in good faith thereon.

VI. It was the Democratic party which first inaugurated the wise and generous policy which has made the United States the asylum of all nations from oppressive government, and less favorable means of livelihood and independence; and the Democratic party of Texas, true to the early teachings and uniform practices of the party, advocates the most liberal and active policy to encourage and increase foreign immigration, to develop the resources of our fertile State, as well as to perpetuate the government, through

the intelligence and moral worth of her citizens. And that every adopted citizen may enter into the spirit of perfect freedom of thought and action in matters of conscience, the Democracy of Texas, in Convention assembled, declare it to be our firm conviction that legal interference with the merely social habits of any class of citizens, natives or of foreign birth, is contrary to sound policy, to genuine Democracy, and to the enlightened spirit of the age.

VII. The Democratic party is and has ever been in favor of throwing as few impediments as possible in the way of Europeans making the United States the land of their adoption; and to enable foreigners to enter into citizenship without needless trouble, delay or expense, we declare it to be our conviction that a foreigner, who desires it, should have the right to make his declaration of intention to become a citizen before the clerk, in vacation or in open court, as may be to him most convenient; and we favor the passage of a law to that effect.

VIII. We condemn in the strongest terms all corruption in public officials, and demand the strictest honesty and economy in the administration of public trusts, from the highest to the lowest officer of the government.

IX. That the Democracy of Texas adhere to their past policy of developing the material resources of the State, and fostering the best interests of the people, by encouraging the construction of railroads. That to this end, and to encourage the investment of capital in such enterprises, we favor the granting of liberal charters to companies able to build such railroads, and of donating to such companies alternate sections of the vacant lands, under proper restrictions, and with such provisions of law as will protect the people against oppression and unreasonable exactions, until each section of the State has its equal proportion of railroad facilities.

2. That we are opposed to granting money subsidies by the State to secure the building of railroads, as unequal in the distribution of burdens and benefits, and unjust in principle.

3. This Convention denounces as false and slanderous the imputation, sought to be attached to the State of Texas by her enemies, that she contemplates the repudiation of any of her just and legal liabilities.

X. We consider the Constitutional amendments proposed by the last Legislature as eminently necessary, and recommend their adoption by the people.

XI. The situation and sufferings of our frontiersmen and their families arouse our deep and sincere sympathy; and we do hereby pledge the most earnest exertions of the Democratic party to secure their speedy and adequate protection in the future, believing this to be paramount to all other duties.

XII. We favor the calling of a constitutional convention by our next Legislature.

XIII. We invite all good men, whatever may have been their past political preferences, to unite with the Democratic party in removing from place and power those Radical officials who now in part control the State gov-

ernment, in order to insure an honest administration of the laws, and an honest and economical expenditure of the public moneys, and to throw the ægis of justice and protection over the person and property of every individual whatsoever in the State of Texas.

JOHN H. REAGAN, Chairman.
JAMES B. SIMPSON, 1st District.
F. VOIGT, 2d District.
R. H. GUINN, 3d District.
H. McKAY, 5th District.
JAMES P. DOUGLAS, 6th District
WM. L. CRAWFORD, 7th District.
R. R. GAINES, 8th District.
D. M. PRENDERGAST, 9th District.
EDMUND JO DARDEN, 10th District.
B. F. HAYS, 11th District.
GEO. MASON, 12th District.
N. HOLLAND, 13th District.
JAMES MASTERSON, 14th District.
JNO. R. KENNARD, 15th District.
SETH SHEPARD, 16th District.
WM. W. LANG, 17th District.
T. J. BEALL, 18th District.
GEO. CLARK, 19th District.
JNO. S. AULT, 20th District.
J. W. THROCKMORTON, 21st District.
THOS. J. BROWN, 22d District.
L. E. GILLETT, 23d District.
L. G. HARMAN, 24th District.
M. MALSCH, 25th District.
JOS. D. SAYERS, 26th District.
J. W. BUNTON, 27th District.
W. M. WALTON, 28th District.
N. O. GREEN, 29th District.
WM. H. RUSSELL, 30th District.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That we deprecate the action of the Democratic members of Congress in co-operating with the Republican majority and President Grant in the passage of the "back salary bill."

2. We heartily concur in the following resolution passed by the Ohio Democracy, in their recent Convention, to-wit:

"*Resolved*, That the act of the President in setting up by bayonets a government in Louisiana not chosen by her people, and having no title whatever to rule over them, was a flagrant violation of her rights, and of the Federal Constitution."

And further, that we deeply and sincerely sympathize with the people of Louisiana in their misfortunes and the outrages perpetrated on them.

On motion the thanks of the Convention were extended to the Committee on Platform and Resolutions, for the very able manner in which they had discharged the duty imposed on them.

Hon. Geo. Goldthwaite, of Harris county, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an assessment be laid on the several counties, to the amount of one dollar for each vote the respective counties may have in this Convention, to defray the expenses necessary to be incurred by this Convention, or its committees, such as printing, etc. That such assessment be collected by the several members of the Executive Committee, and that out of the fund so raised the balance due for printing the proceedings of the last Democratic Convention be paid.

Mr. Callan, of Menard, moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost.

The question then recurring on Mr. Goldthwaite's resolution, it was adopted.

There appearing to be no other business before the Convention, the President declared that nominations for a candidate for Governor were now in order.

Mr. Voight, of Nacogdoches, put in nomination the name of Hon. Richard S. Walker, of Galveston.

Mr. Randolph put in nomination the name of Col. C. M. Winkler, of Navarro.

Mr. Cook, of Harris, put in nomination the name of Hon. John Ireland, of Guadalupe.

Mr. Brown, of Trinity, put in nomination the name of Hon. E. B. Pickett, of Liberty.

Hon. John T. Brady, of Harris, put in nomination the name of Hon. Richard Coke, of McLennan.

Mr. Chenowith, of Fannin, put in nomination the name of Hon. Charles De Morse, of Red River.

Mr. Adams, of Jasper, put in nomination the name of Col. A. M. Hobby, of Galveston.

Mr. Flewellen, of Washington, put in nomination the name of Col. John R. Baylor, of Bexar.

A telegram was read from Col. A. M. Hobby, declining

to become a candidate for Governor, and his name was withdrawn.

Mr. Henderson, of Kerr, put in nomination the name of Col. John S. Ford, of Cameron.

The President then appointed Messrs. Voigt, of Nacogdoches, Shannon, of Harris, and Spivey, of Henderson, as tellers to assist the secretaries in taking the vote.

The roll of counties was then called, and resulted in the following vote:

R. S. Walker	75½	Richard Coke	304⅗
Chas. De Morse	143	John R. Baylor	38
C. M. Winkler	105⅔⅓	John S. Ford	19
E. B. Pickett	41	Ashbel Smith	5
John Ireland	108⅓⅗	J. W. Throckmorton	5

The President then announced that no candidate having received the requisite two-thirds majority of all the votes cast, there was no nomination.

The name of Hon. R. S. Walker was then withdrawn at his own request.

Mr. A. L. Kessler, of Comal, protested against the authority of Hon. Geo. Pfeuffer, of Comal, to cast the entire vote of that county for Hon. John Ireland, and asked that his protest be entered on the minutes of the Convention.

The roll of counties was again called on the second ballot, which resulted in the following vote:

C. M. Winkler	97	John R. Baylor	38
E. B. Pickett	52⅔	John S. Ford	2
John Ireland	107	D. B. Culberson	½
Chas. De Morse	196	R. B. Hubbard	2
Richard Coke	361		

The President again announced that no candidate having received two-thirds of all the votes cast, there was no nomination.

Several ineffectual motions were made to adjourn.

Mr. W. S. Delany, of —— county, put in nomination the name of Hon. George W. Smyth, of Colorado.

The roll of counties was then called on the third ballot, which resulted in the following vote:

C. M. Winkler	69¾	John R. Baylor	43½
E. B. Pickett	50½	R. B. Hubbard	8
John Ireland	80	John S. Ford	5
Charles De Morse	189	George W. Smith	26
Richard Coke	390⅓		

The President again announced that no candidate having received two-thirds of all the votes cast, there was no nomination.

On motion of Hon. J. W. Stell, of Gonzales, the Conventioned adjourned until 3 o'clock this evening.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 3 P. M., pursuant to adjournment, Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President, in the chair.

At his own request, the name of the Hon. E. B. Pickett was withdrawn as a candidate for Governor.

The names Hon. John Ireland, Geo. W. Smith, John R. Baylor and Charles De Morse were withdrawn at their own request, as candidates for Governor.

Mr. A. L. Kessler, of Comal, put in nomination the name of Hon. R. B. Hubbard, of Smith, as a candidate for Governor.

Thereupon the Hon. John J. Good, of Dallas, Vice President, took the chair, and ordered the roll of counties to be called on the fourth ballot for the nomination of a candidate for Governor, which resulted as follows, to-wit:

Richard Coke	513 17/100	Winkler	58
Dan. McGary	12	Chas. DeMorse	11½
R. B. Hubbard	253 62/100		

It appearing that no one had received the necessary two-thirds majority, the President announced that there was no nomination, and ordered the roll of counties to be proceeded with on the fifth ballot to nominate a candidate for Governor, which resulted as follows, to-wit:

Richard Coke	639 65/100	R. B. Hubbard	218 31/100

And it appearing that Hon. Richard Coke, of McLennan county, having received more than the necessary two-thirds of all the votes cast, was declared to be the regular nominee of the Democratic party of the State of Texas.

Thereupon, the Hon. R. B. Hubbard, of Smith, moved that the nomination be made unanimous, which was carried amid deafening shouts of applause.

It was then announced by Hon. J. J. Goode, Vice President, in the chair, that nominations for candidate for Lieutenant Governor were in order.

Hon. Charles Stewart, of Harris, moved that the nomination of Hon. Richard B. Hubbard, of Smith, as the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, be unanimously made by acclamation.

Whereupon, Hon. John Henry Brown, of Dallas, Geo. P. Finlay, of Calhoun, H. C. King, of Kendall, and L. T. Moore, of Fayette, withdrew their own names as candidates for Lieutenant Governor, and seconded the motion, which was then carried amid shouts of applause.

The candidate for Lieutenant Governor then took the stand and delivered one of his happiest and most eloquent addresses, predicting a glorious victory for the Democracy at the next election.

The Vice President in the chair then announced that nominations for candidate for Comptroller of Public Accounts were now in order; whereupon Hon. Wm. B. Sayers, of Gonzales county, moved that Hon. Stephen H. Darden, of Caldwell county, be unanimously declared the nominee for that position by acclamation.

All the gentlemen whose names had been mentioned for Comptroller withdrew and heartily seconded the nomination.

The Vice President in the chair then put the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The President, Hon. R. B. Hubbard, in the chair, then announced that nominations for candidate for State

Treasurer were in order. Whereupon Hon. T. T. Teel, of Bexar county, put in nomination the name of Maj. Wm. M. Stone, of Grimes county, for that position.

Mr. E. E. Bower, of Dallas, put in nomination the name of A. J. Dorn, of Fannin county.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Hon. J. J. Goode, of Dallas, Vice President, in the chair.

Mr. Kleberg, of De Witt, withdrew the name of Mr. J. F. Torrey, of Comal, for office of Treasurer.

Mr. J. W. Jennings, of Grayson, offered a resolution relative to the thorough organization of the party throughout the State, which was, on motion, adopted unanimously.

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Convention, resigned the position of Chairman of the State Executive Commitee, having been nominated for Lieut. Governor.

Mr. Killough, of Fayette, withdrew his name as a candidate for Treasurer.

Hon. Geo. P. Finlay offered the following resolution, under suspension of the rules:

Resolved, That it is the imperative duty of the great State of Texas, in the plentitude of her wealth, to provide with a liberal hand for the battle-scarred veterans of the Texan revolution, not as a matter of charity, but as a just recognition of their distinguished services in the contest for Texan Independence.

On motion, unanimously adopted.

No further nomination for State Treasurer being made, the calling of the roll of counties was proceeded with, and the first ballot resulted as follows:

J. B. Barton	72	N. S. Rector	23 11/11
A. J. Dorn	309½	C. H. Randolph	69½
A. N. Denton	113⅔	Wm. M. Stone	80½
S. Harris	83⅔	C. W. Pressler	2
J. H. Littlefield	96		

There being no choice, the second ballot was ordered, which resulted as follows:

A. J. Dorn	599	Wm. M. Stone	88
A. N. Denton	160		

It appearing that A. J. Dorn had received two-thirds of all the votes cast, he was declared the nominee of the Convention for Treasurer of the State.

The President declared nominations for Commissioner of the General Land Office next in order.

Hon. Ashbel Smith, of Harris, nominated J. J. Groos, of Comal.

Mr. James Turner, of Harrison, nominated General J. W. Whitfield, of Lavaca.

Mr. W. M. Walton, of Travis, nominated W. C. Walsh, of Travis.

Mr. S. H. Reniek, of McLennan, nominated Joseph Spence, of Travis.

Mr. A. T. McKinney, of Walker, nominated J. M. Wade, of Montgomery.

Mr. Wade withdrew his name.

The following telegram was read, and received with great applause:

SAN ANTONIO, September 5, 1873.

To the President of the Democratic State Convention:

Resolved, That the First Democratic Club of San Antonio hails with pleasure the platform, and nomination, in Convention, of Col. Richard Coke for Governor, and Col. Hubbard for Lieutenant Governor, and that we pledge our support to all the regular nominees of the State and other Democratic Conventions.

By order of the Club.

JOS. E. DWYER,
J. R. SWEET,
Executive Committee.

Mr. Voigt, of Nacogdoches county, nominated A. A. Nelson, of Nacogdoches.

S. G. Tomlinson, of Hopkins county, was also nominated.

Col. M. A. Bryan nominated John P. Borden, of Colorado.

The roll was then called on the first ballot.

Mr. Borden's name was withdrawn during the ballot.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

Walsh	144	Groos	344¼
Whitfield	208 53/100	Hector	4
Spence	59	Nelson	33
Tomlinson	61 33/100		

No one of the candidates having received two-thirds of all the votes cast the second ballot was taken with the following result—Mr. Groos and Gen. Whitfield only being before the Convention, the rest of the candidates having been withdrawn:

J. J. Groos	590½	Whitfield	255½

Whereupon the President declared Mr. Groos the nominee of the Convention for Commissioner of the Land Office.

Nominations for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction were declared next in order.

Hon. Charles Stewart, of Harris county, nominated Horace Clark, of Harris county.

Mr. Newman G. Kittrell, of Galveston, nominated Wm. Carey Crane, of Washington county.

Hon. Frank Rainey, of Houston, nominated O. N. Hollingsworth, of Hays county.

Judge B. C. Franklin nominated M. B. Franklin, of Seguin.

G. N. Starks and J. W. Vesey were also nominated.

Mr. Kleberg, of De Witt county, nominated A. A. Brooks, of Gonzales.

Hon. J. D. Sayers, of Bastrop, nominated C. A. James, of Travis county.

W. C. Holland nominated L. J. Stroop, of Ellis county.

Maj. Ed. Croft, of Cass county, was also nominated.

The first ballot was taken with the following result:

Clark	101 6/19	Starks	26
Croft	50	Stroop	60½
Hollingsworth	118 6/19	Franklin	32
Brooks	87 13/19	Vesey	82
James	123½	Crane	98 3/19

No election being made, the second ballot was called, with the following result:

Clark	14	James	232
Crane	96	Stroop	70
Hollingsworth	307	Scattering	15
Brooks	86		

No candidate having received the required two-thirds majority, the roll was called for the third ballot. All the candidates having been withdrawn except O. N. Hollingsworth and C. A. James, the third ballot resulted as follows:

Hollingsworth	442	James	383½

Hon. J. D. Sayers, of Bastrop, here withdrew the name of C. A. James; whereupon, O. N. Hollingsworth was unanimously declared the nominee of the Convention for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the selection of a Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Hon. John H. Reagan, of Anderson; Hon. Gustave Cook, of Harris; Hon. J. J. Goode, of Dallas; Hon. John Ireland, of Gaudalupe; Hon. T. J. Devine, of Bexar; C. B. Kilgore, of Rusk, and J. B. Robertson, of Washington, were put in nomination.

All the above named gentlemen withdrew with the exception of the Hon. John Ireland, who was not present. After glowing eulogiums upon the character, unsullied patriotism and pure Democracy of Hon. John Ireland, he was enthusiastically and unanimously declared the

choice of the Convention for the chairmanship of the State Executive Committee.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That should a vacancy occur in the ticket presented by this Convention before the election, the same shall be filled by the State Executive Committee.

Which resolution was presented by J. B. Henderson, of Smith county.

A resolution of thanks to the delegation from Travis county, and the entire Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for their courtesy and consideration in retiring to the gallery voluntarily, in order to make room upon the floor of the Convention for other delegations, was unanimously adopted.

A vote of thanks to the officers of the Convention for the manner in which they had discharged their duties was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Democratic State Executive Committee cause to be printed, at the earliest practicable time, ten thousand copies of the proceedings of this Convention, using their discretion as to what part of the same shall be printed in the German language.

On motion, the Convention adjourned at 2:10 o'clock A. M., September 6, 1873, *sine die*.

R. B. HUBBARD, PRESIDENT.

W. B. SAYERS,
CHARLES J. EVANS,
W. C. WALSH,
NEWMAN G. KITTRELL,
R. M. HENDERSON,
P. DE CORDOVA,
J. J. MCKEEVER,
Secretaries.

Attest:

A. T. LOGAN, Sergeant-at-Arms.